

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Is Much Prayer and Faith in God---A Prayerless Preacher Is a Faithless Preacher and Cannot be a Success.

Just as I was finishing up the message for last week's Evangel a little past midnight, a spirit of prayer came upon me for the revivals, for the preachers, for the work in every way. For some time the Spirit groaned and put me through agonizing groans and cries to God. When He was through I felt rested and satisfied.

No matter what the message has accomplished, or whether anything or not, it came from a heart of love and was turned over to the Lord to get out of it what He could. But I regard the prayer that followed of much more value than the message, because the message would be comparatively worthless without the prayer.

It is not too much to say that prayer is the secret of success in any line of work for the Lord. The first revival of any consequence I ever held was not a success because of the preaching.

There was little preaching done. In fact, I could not preach. Really I did not try to preach. I most always read a few verses of Scriptures and said a few things, but it could hardly be called preaching. However, at the close of the little talk the people would flock to the altar and cry and pray through to God.

I prayed but very little at the meeting. Did not have time for that there. But between the services, both night and day, my soul was literally poured out to God in agonizing prayer. My very being seemed melted before God as before my vision would roll the multitudes of lost souls plunging into eternal despair.

I felt like everything depended upon me. I encouraged others to pray for the meeting and the salvation of souls, but I did not depend upon their prayers. I appreciated all the help that others gave in any way, but I felt that I was responsible for the salvation or damnation of every soul that was in all that community. I took no time for their souls. Nobody knew

it, and no body could tell it or talk about it. The two weeks meeting was a success, but no body seemed to know why.

I notice very frequently among ministers in these days that if their meeting does not seem to get along well, they are apt to place the blame on others. They think there is an "Achan in the camp," and they bring their whip and lash into play and try to locate the "Achan" so they can get him out of the way so the "wheels of Zion can roll on." I do not hesitate to say that this is unwise. While the gospel is often a whip and a lash and uncovers sin and exposes hypocrites, but the secret of success is not in the

I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." He did not try to shift the matter on to the shoulders of others and blame them if the backsliders were not reclaimed, but he took it on himself and said, "I travail in birth again" for you.

The secret of soul winning is not in the great preaching, but in the great praying. There are callings every hand for preachers, but the need is not so much for great preachers as it is for great prayers. That is the great trouble with the religious world today, they have been depending on the great preaching, and spirituality has disappeared from among them. When they have "converts" at all, they are usually merely reformed, or have promised to mend their ways and be a Christian. Very few outside of the genuine holiness ranks, that are really "born again." Nothing said about the preacher travailing in birth until Christ is formed in them.

joy and comfort to the preacher. He wanted to be a soul winner, and anything else, no matter how complimentary, did not satisfy him.

A man may preach well and win the respect and satisfaction of his congregation without prayer, but he will never be a soul winner without strong agonizing prayer. A prayerless preacher is a faithless preacher and cannot be a success. It is not enough to say over a form of words. At a certain meeting where the preaching was fine, and the people flocked to the altar in droves, and it was accounted generally a good meeting, at the close it was noticed that there were no tangible results. No body saved. No body sanctified nor filled with the Holy Ghost. A brother ventured a word of surprise that no body was saved when the meeting seemed so powerful. I quietly remarked that nobody had previously prayed through for the meeting and prevailed.

Knew the Scriptures well enough to agree with me at once.

Now brother, if you want to be a soul winner, you do not need to study so much about how to preach as you do about how to pray and prevail with God. Any humble person can have a revival if he only knows how to pray and prevail with God. Thomas Harrison who used to be known as the "boy preacher," went to visit a friend of his. This friend was the pastor of a nice church. Harrison was only a school boy. His friend said to him, "Harry, you must preach for me." This so shocked the boy that he hardly knew how to answer. He had never preached, and knew nothing about it. But all of his excuses and pleadings to be excused were in vain. His friend was persistent and "Harry must preach." He must preach Sunday afternoon and Sunday night because the announcement was made that Thomas Harrison would be there and preach.

This seemed too much for the boy. He said, "Well, let us go to your room and pray over it." They went to the room and prayed. The time came for the meeting,

WANTED

As we are now trying to get a complete record of all the officers in the Church, I want all the Deacons and Evangelists that hold credentials dated previous to November 1st, date of credentials, where your membership was at that time, names that signed credentials, name of clerk and your age when ordained.

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whip and lash, it is in the much prayer and faith in God on the part of the preacher that is conducting the meeting.

It will not do for him to lazy around and depend on others to pray and push the work through. He must feel the responsibility so strong himself that if it does not get along so well, he will blame himself instead of placing the same on others. I say this candidly and without fear of successful contradiction, after about twenty years of experience and the study of God's Word.

When Paul found the Galatians were backslidden, because of false teaching having gotten in among them, he did not lay the responsibility on some one else, but took it all upon himself and said, "My little children, of whom

the good preaching." While the preaching was just as good and probably better, the conversation was turned to the number of converts. Who it was saved; how many at the altar; what new ones were interested, etc. This brought

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"Resting From Her Labors."

Rev. 14:13.

And I heard a voice from
heaven saying unto me, write,
blessed are the dead which
die in the Lord from hence-
forth; yea, saith the Spirit,
that they may rest from their
labors; and their works do
follow them.

Sister Martha Hadsock,
wife of W. R. Hadsock of
Wimauma, Fla. was called to
her reward on May the 20th.

She was among the first to
receive the baptism of the
Holy Ghost in Florida, about
nine years ago, and has been
a faithful laborer in the Lord's
cause ever since. She and
her husband have carried the
gospel of full salvation to
many souls and many have
been wonderfully blessed
through their labors. She was
faithful in the altar, and al-
ways had a bright testimony;

as her face was aglow with
the glory of God. Many
times has the expression been
made of what an angelic look
was on her face.

Now she has ceased from
her labors, and gone to be
with Jesus. But her works,
her prayers, and testimonies
will follow on and never be
forgotten.

The interment was made
at the Old Pleasant Grove
Cemetery. The funeral was
conducted by your humble
servant. She leaves a be-
reaved husband and one lit-
tle son to whom we extend
our heart-felt love and sym-
pathy.

Her labors are over her life's work is
done,

And heavens joys with her have begun,
Now she has a reception in heaven, and
yea

To live there with Jesus, forever, in
eternal day.

Aaron A. Smith.

GONE.

Sister Jane Keeny, on May
19th, mounted the Chariot of
heaven and sailed home to
the glory land, there to ever
be with the Lord and loved
ones gone before.

She was a very precious
character; so loving, gentle
and kind to all.

She leaves three sons and
three daughters to mourn her
departure, yet they don't
mourn as those that have no
hope, knowing that their loss
is heaven's gain, and that
they, too, may unite with her
in some future day.

Her age was 57 years and
10 days.

Funeral services were held
at the Church of God of
which she was a faithful
member for three years. The
choir sang a song, "Will I
be missed?" Many hearts of
love said, "Yes, you will be
missed," missed in the home,
missed in the sisters' meeting,
missed in the church pews.
But only think how heaven
would miss her if she should
come back.

Two or three days before
she went to stay, she showed
all signs of being dead, but
the saints wrestled against the
death angel till she came
back, she said, "What did
you bring me back for? I
have been to heaven, I saw
my loved ones, and heaven
was so beautiful, I was happy
because I thought I was
there at last to stay, now if
I go again please don't bring
me back, I wasn't dead, I
just went up."

Praise God, death has no
sting to a true saint of God.
While we can't bring her
back neither would we want
to call her away from that
glorious place, but like David
we can go to her.

Her Pastor.

Rock Island, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints:

I am glad that I belong to
the Church of God. I am
saved, sanctified and filled
with the blessed Holy Ghost,
and I certainly enjoy this
wonderful blessing. I am so
thankful because I have a
happy home. There are only
three of us, my husband,
granddaughter and myself.
My husband is saved and
sanctified and seeking the
Holy Ghost. Please pray
that he may receive the
blessing, and also that my
granddaughter may receive
the Holy Ghost.

I am glad I have victory in
my soul and I can feel the
presence of the Lord at all
times that I almost forget to
cook. Oh, I am so glad that
I am one of God's children,

and I am determined to get
through.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Bettie Pirtle.

Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. A. J. Tomlinson,
Dear Sir:

I wish to say that I will re-
new my subscription to the
Evangel about the first of the
week. While I am not a
member of the Church of
God, I am a member of the
M. E. Church, but the Church
of God is the only one that is
exactly right with God. I
don't see how I can do with-
out that little paper for it
does me so much good to
read it.

Pray for me that I may get
right with God and receive
all He has for me. I am
seeking for Him.
Your brother in Christ I pray
to be,

J. H. Penny.

Ohopee, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greeting in
Jesus' Dear Name:

We are here in a battle for
the dear Lord and He is giv-
ing us victory. We have
gained the confidence of the
people here: The Advent
preacher opened his church
for us and told us to stay as
long as wanted to. The house
won't hold the people.

One received the Holy
Ghost last night, some saved
and some sanctified. Fire
was seen to pass the win-
dows.

Praise God for the way He
is pouring out His spirit in
these last days. Hallelujah!

Pray for us that God may
give a great landside in this
country. May God bless you
all.

Yours in Jesus,
W. H. Rogers and Wife.

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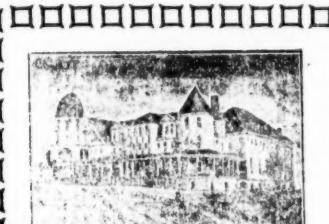
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Wimauma, Florida, State Campmeeting

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

According to announcement the Wimauma campmeeting began on May the 11th, and continued for ten days.

The cottages were full as usual, and there were a number of little white tents stretched on the grounds, while many other visitors were entertained in the homes of the people in the community.

There was an enthusiastic interest in all the services from the beginning. From the early morning service at 6 o'clock until late at night a full day of service was given unto the Lord.

The singing was of such spirit and vigor that it was plain to see that the Lord was being worshipped in song, at times the songs were interspersed with shouts and praises. During the prayer and other services there were occasions when cries of prayers and praises ascended as a mighty tornado of spiritual demonstration.

If all these people keep up this voice of prayer, praises and songs and testimonies everywhere they go, the world will surely hear of this great salvation.

Many hungry hearts filled the altar from time to time, and, some, we know not how many found their way to the feet of the cross. Some were saved, some sanctified, some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, some were reclaimed, a number were healed of physical ills, and in general the saints seemed to be edified and built up in the faith.

Most of our Florida preachers were present and took part in the services, to the edification, and apparent satisfaction of the people in general. All were at their best and stood ready for their turn whenever it came and if it did not come at all they were pleased with the order of the service and the blessing of the Lord.

Under the direction of the pastor, brother Selt, and brother Coruthers, state overseer, the following brethren assisted in giving out the Word: A. A. Smith, J. H. Marks, W. F. Hesson, E. E. Simmons, W. B. Simmons, E. L. Simmons, W. M. Austin, W. R. Hadcock and this scribe.

A collection was taken for the purpose of building a restaurant on the campground. This is very much needed and only a small amount from the different churches would be sufficient to meet this ur-

gent demand, provide a good restaurant on the grounds where all visitors could get meals at a very little expense.

Other improvements and conveniences are planned for the near future.

No doubt there are some who will not visit another meeting at Wimauma, and it may be that Jesus our King will come and catch away all His before another gathering there, but in any case may we all watch and pray, and walk before Him in such a condition that we will be acceptable with Him whether in service here or glory there.

Yours in the faith,
Sam. C. Perry.

Danville, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I praise God for blessing us so wonderfully. He has saved husband and me. We are so glad that we have found the right church. We are seeking to be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

We have given our front room in which to have a meeting. Sister Nelson has been preaching for us. We are longing for the time when we can have a big meeting and the Church of God be set in order and we can be baptized in water. We are praying that God will send some one here to set the church in order. We are hungry to see souls saved. We are getting our friends and relatives interested in the Church of God, for it is the only church.

We are praying daily for more strength and to know more of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We know the time is near and we want our lights trimmed and burning brightly when Jesus comes again. We want our little one brought up in the fear of the Lord and that he will never sin. We want our hearts cleansed from all sin. We know the Lord will do what we ask.

My husband is afflicted with the rheumatism in his shoulder and we want all the saints of the Church of God to pray for him to be healed.

We want to come to the assembly if it is the Lord's will.

Pray for us that we may get all God has for us. Praise His holy name.

Your brother and sister,
Demey and Flossie Bush.

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The Home of the Soul.

By Esther Jay Lea.

Ways of this life are too frivolous for me, I find something greater than this life to be. And so I press onward to the shining goal,

The goal worth while, the home of the Soul.

At the end of life's day, which comes too soon,

With a sinful record it will be all gloom. And so I press onward to the shining goal,

The goal worth while, the home of the soul.

From dust we came and must return The blood washed souls for this time years.

And so I press onward to the shining goal,

The goal worth while, the home of the soul.

The joys of this world fade far from view,

When we think of eternity in that city so new.

And so I press onward to the shining goal,

The goal worth while, the home of the soul.

To think when life's breath ebbs slowly out,

Our Savior shall smile, and we'll rise with a shout.

And so I press onward to the shining goal,

The goal worth while, the home of the soul.

Of trials of this world I never shall think

When I walk with Jesus and my hand in His link.

And so I press onward to the shining goal,

The goal worth while, the home of the soul.

Yours in the faith,
Sam. C. Perry.

Clyde, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel like thanking God for the way He is opening up fields in North Carolina. Oh, if I only had preachers to send to all the places. We only have two out on the field. Brethren, come over and help me. If your time is not all filled up in your state, just cross over into North Carolina and enter the war with me. You can find a job over here. This is to any of the Church of God preachers. I need help. Any one wishing to write to me about coming write me at Canton, N. C.

I started a meeting last night near by in a little village and I sure was greatly surprised at the people how little they knew about God.

We first held a little service on the street. When we began to play and sing the people came running together, some making sport, others trying to get them to hush.

It looked like a crowd of heathens more than anything I ever saw. Then we went into the old store house, which we had seated for meeting, and invited them in. About fifteen came in and all that great crowd stood at the door and on the side walk and street. God then began to pour a message down from the throne and they soon got quiet and listened fine.

Say, you need not go across the water to find

heathens, just come over into North Carolina and you can find more than you want to see.

Love to all the saints.
Pray for me.
J. A. Davis.

Parish, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I praise God for healing me and for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost, and he abides today.

The Lord wonderfully healed me of that dreaded disease pellegra about two years ago and I am still healed. He healed me after all the doctors and allother remedies failed.

There was a girl told me that if I would give myself to the Lord and trust Him that He would heal me, so after a long time the Lord helped me to turn loose medicine and give myself to Him to do with me as He saw best and He wonderfully healed me. I was so low that my husband had to move me, I was helpless.

I am so glad we have such a wonderful Savior and I would be so glad that all people could know Him, especially these those sick and afflicted. Dear ones, read your Bible and see how good the precious Savior was to the people while He walked on earth and in Heb.13:8 we find that He is the same yesterday today and forever. If we trust Him now He will heal us the same as He healed then. Tongue can never tell the deep love and gratitude that I have for my Savior for what He has done for me and for what He is still doing. He keeps me every day and I am trusting the Lord, for my children. I haven't given them a drop of medicine since Feb. 1915, and before I began trusting the Lord for them I had to give them medicine all the time. I just said

"Lord, I will give them to you the same as I have myself" and they have never been sick any more and neither have I.

I have one precious boy that is in this way and two others that are backslidden and I want you all to help me pray that they may be reclaimed. I also ask you to pray for my husband and one more precious child. My husband is bitterly against this way and I am praying that the Lord will show him that this is the right way.

Let us all pray for perfect love, so we can do more for Christ.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. Janie Dillon.

Bradentown, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Scattered Abroad:

We came to Bradenton about three months ago and found some of God's true people. The work has been in a bad condition but we can report victory. We have been compelled to open the back door and let several out but God is getting new material in their place.

Praise God, people are really seeing the true Bible Church and are cleaning up their lives and are being added to the body of Christ. The power is falling, hot globes are being handled, traitors being pointed out and God is working on people's hearts. We had baptizing yesterday, the Lord's supper and feet washing last night and the Lord wonderfully manifested His presence.

We could really feel the presence of the Lord. A number of people are seeking and others are hungry. We are expecting a great gathering of souls here.

We expect to build in a short time and we feel sure that the good Lord will wonderfully bless.

Pray for us. May God bless all.
Your unworthy servant,
I. H. Marks.

Official Appointment.

On account of the resignation of J. C. Underwood, state overseer of South Carolina, I do herewith this day, May 26, 1916, at my office in Cleveland, Tenn., duly appoint W. A. Capshaw to finish up the unexpired term.

Brother Underwood feels called more particularly to evangelistic work. Hence his resignation. Brother Capshaw has very kindly accepted the appointment and is willing to do his best for the work the balance of the year.

It is not decided yet where brother Capshaw's address will be, but the South Carolina friends can always find him through the Evangel office.

A. J. Tomlinson,
General Overseer.

Muse, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to ask all of the dear saints to pray for my husband. He is unsaved and does not like the pentecost religion.

I pray that God will help me to be true and willing to do anything for Him. It certainly pays to obey God. I was never well until the Lord healed me. Glory to His name.

Your sister working for a home in heaven,
Mrs. Vallie Altman.

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"THY WORD IS TRUTH"

M. S. Lemons.

Truth crushed to earth, will rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers,
But error wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among her worshipers.

"Truth," tho having been crushed to
earth, is rising again;
Her honors are eternal, for God
claims them as His own.
And while error is dying and her wor-
shippers quailing,
"Truth" and her worshippers are
taking the throne.

The great struggle between
"truth" and "error" is nearing
a critical end.

Yonder, I see a restless
throng, breathlessly waiting at
the door of a friend, who is
sick and dying. Her name
is "Error" having been loved
by all, for she feigned herself
"Truth," but now in her last
moments, she has been forced,
because of her sickly condition,
to acknowledge her
deception and falsehood.
Multitudes gather at her bedside,
weeping and lamenting
her pitiable fate, which must
be certain death, and that
very soon.

When will she die? Some
one asked, very soon was the
reply. What will become
of her worshippers, another
asked? They will die as she
dieth, was the quick respond.
Then a long pause, and anxious
breathless waiting, with
loud deep sighing.

Whocomes yonder? Someone
ejaculating exclaims
"Truth!" Just a little in the
distance, can be seen a royal
army with banners and trumpets
marching to the throne,
where "Truth" is to be crowned,
just as soon as "Error" is
dead. Where has she been
these many years, with her
pomp and glory, and this
army of the "Just"? "One
post cried to another post"
and said, she had been hid
away in the mountains, with
Piety and Prudence, her
faithful companions. Why
should she come now, in the
end of the world, after "Error"
has steeped the people
in ignorance and sin? "To
clear the way, to make the
path bright, "For I am the
way, the "Truth" and the life."
"I am Alpha and Omega the
beginning and the end." I
was "Truth" in the beginning
and I am "Truth" in the end."

The duties of "Truth" on
earth are to honor God and
elevate humanity, for she was
with God from the beginning,
or even before the foundations
of the earth was laid; she has
now come to supersede "Error"
and the battle is on and "Error"
is fast passing away as "Truth"
advances and the worshippers of "Error"
writhing in pain, and are
dying that "eternal death."

The worshippers of "Truth",
are just now beginning to be
seen. All of this time, her few
poor worshippers, have only

been recognized by men of
ability, as ignoble; but now
they are being admired by
many, as noble, many of whom
are most noble.

See her advancing on white
horses with burnished swords
glistening in the sunlight.
Having been, for many years
crushed by the heel of strife
and jealousy, she is now com-
ing forth with beauty and
grandeur. "Truth" bears on
her countenance the trace of
many years. She lived with
the ancient, and like "Under-
standing" she rejoiced in the
presence of God. She hath
prevailed, "Unto the utmost
bounds of the everlasting
hills." After "Error" and
her worshippers are consigned
to their eternal confines,
"Truth" will preach on every
banner and the full glory of
"theocracy" will come again
to earth and the angels will
again sing aloud "Hosannah
to our King."

"Truth's" armies are now
advancing. Men, who had
hitherto been of little worth,
who were not prophets nor
the sons of prophets, unlearned
and uncouth; but when filled
with the Holy Ghost, they
become real fire brands for
God. After they announce
their text, they seem to wan-
der for a time in what might
be termed heterogeneous
ideas. Theology, politics mor-
als, and religion are all
brought into contribution.
Suddenly the theme touches
some point of living interests
and fancy begins to play.
The voice swells. There is
new animations in gestures.
Every phase of "Truth"
seems to move respective to
the touch of a divine hand.
While "Error" is lying cold
in death 'neath the plaintive
cries of a deluded throng,
"Truth" rides triumphantly
into the courts of praise and is
crowned with all honors.

Saltville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
Greetings in Jesus' name.

I praise God for what He
has done for me. He saved
me from my sins, sanctified
me and baptized me with
the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:4-5;
2:4; 10:44-46. I am glad
that I can say the Comforter
still abides in His temple,
which is my body (1 Cor. 6-
19.) for I speak with other
tongues as the Spirit gives
utterance. (Acts 2:4.)

Isaiah saw in his vision that
"The ox knoweth his owner,
and the ass his master's crib:
but Israel doth not know, my
people doth not consider."
(Isa. 1:3.) We are living in
perilous times, (2 Tim. 3:1.)
when some shall depart from
the faith giving heed to seduc-
ing spirits, and doctrines

of devils. (1 Tim. 4:1.) We
the people of God ought to
consider these things and be
sure that we are doing the
will of our Father, so we may
know of the doctrine. (John 7-
17.) These are days when
Satan, himself, is transformed
into an angel of light and
his ministers as the ministers
of righteousness; whose end
shall be according to their
works. (2 Cor. 11:14,15.)

I was passing by a tent to-
day where a sister was holding
a meeting. I stopped to
hear her. She delivered a
good message but at the end
of her message she slipped a
poison spider in the bowl of
milk that she was giving to
the dear people and they did
not know it and drank it, and
that poison turned the hearts
of the people against Christ
and his doctrines. The poison
was that she was against
government and had forgotten
that the old Testament is a
shadow or type to us. Also
she had forgotten that Paul
left Titus at Crete to set in
order the things that are want-
ing and ordain elders in every
city as he had appointed him.
(Titus 1:5.)

"As they went through the
cities, they delivered them
the decrees for to keep, that
were ordained of the apostles
and elders which were at
Jerusalem." (Acts 16:4.)

"And when they had ordained
them elders in every church,
and had prayed with
fasting, they commanded
them to the Lord, on whom
they believed." (Acts 14:23.)
Peter tells us of a class of
people that despise govern-
ment, they are not afraid to
speak evil of dignities. (2 Pet.
2:10.)

I am glad that I am a mem-
ber of the Church of God,
which is the body of Christ,
Jesus her head and the New
Testament her laws and gov-
ernment. "And forbiddeth
them that would, and casteth
them out of the church."
(3 John 10.)

Pray for this place.
W. Barney.

MINISTERS LIKE PAUL

From page 1.

doubt be a ghastly sight if
they could be brought out be-
fore us, and we look at them
as they point their demon
like fingers at some of these
brethren that failed to "go,"
and say, "You are the cause
of my damnation, because
you failed to do your duty as
a preacher," and all this fail-
ure largely because they
were afraid of reproaches,
necessities, and had a greed
for money and a good living
instead of following Paul as
he followed Christ.

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save. Do you want to
meet such a thing at the
judgment? The time is now
come for our summer cam-
paign. Now is the time that
every preacher ought to be
in the field in some manner.
If you have no opening, make
one. I've done that very
thing many times. I've gone
to places where I was not
wanted, but the "woe" was on
me and I had to go or lose my
soul. Don't think too much
about expenses. If you have
the preach in you, you owe
it to somebody, and the debt
will come up against you
some day if you don't pay it.

I hope every preacher will
have this "woe" on him so
strong that he will go at it
and never stop till the bat-
tle is over or he falls in his
tracks. I cannot wish any
harm to any one if I wish and
pray to the end that every
preacher will feel like I did
when I left all to carry the
message. Indeed I felt that
I would be lost forever in
hell if I did not forsake home
and go. Wife and children
got hungry, and I did, too,
but I went and saved my
soul and labored hard for
others. I never have stopped.
I never expect to stop till I
fall in my tracks. True, I
don't go just as I did for near-
ly twenty-years, but I am go-
ing by my pen and prayers,
and would be on the field as
I used to be, but for the de-
mands of the assembly in
placing me here. I now
reach probably 25,000 people
a week and I am on the
swing while I do it, with my
soul on fire for God and the
salvation of souls.

Again I want to say, Come
on boys, the Master needs
you. But remember if you
fail He will get others in
your stead, and then where
will be your reward and
crown? The last call is go-
ing forth; and this call through
the Evangel to some of you,
to kiss your loved ones and
start, may be your last call.
If you fail to go now you
may be piled upon the shelf
and never called for again.

I almost imagine I hear
weeping now as this message
falls heavy on my hearts.
I feel the tears warming my
eyes as I write, because the

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"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS Is Much Prayer and Faith in God---A Prayerless Preacher Is a Faithless Preacher and Cannot be a Success.

Just as I was finishing up the message for last week's Evangel a little past midnight, a spirit of prayer came upon me for the revivals, for the preachers, for the work in every way. For some time the Spirit groaned and put me through agonizing groans and cries to God. When He was through I felt rested and satisfied.

No matter what the message has accomplished, or whether anything or not, it came from a heart of love and was turned over to the Lord to get out of it what He could. But I regard the prayer that followed of much more value than the message, because the message would be comparatively worthless without the prayer.

It is not too much to say that prayer is the secret of success in any line of work for the Lord. The first revival of any consequence I ever held was not a success because of the preaching.

There was little preaching done. In fact, I could not preach. Really I did not try to preach. I most always read a few verses of Scriptures and said a few things, but it could hardly be called preaching. However, at the close of the little talk the people would flock to the altar and cry and pray through to God.

I prayed but very little at the meeting. Did not have time for that there. But between the services, both night and day, my soul was literally poured out to God in agonizing prayer. My very being seemed melted before God as before my vision would roll the multitudes of lost souls plunging into eternal despair.

I felt like everything depended upon me. I encouraged others to pray for the meeting and the salvation of souls, but I did not depend upon their prayers. I appreciated all the help that others gave in any way, but I felt that I was responsible for the salvation or damnation of every soul that was in all that community. I took no time

scarcely to prepare a discourse. I was all the time engaged in prayer. I let the discourse be a secondary matter altogether.

How well I remember on one special occasion when I arose to read my text. I thought I knew where it was, but when I opened my Bible I was unable to turn to it. After a few moments of fruitless search I decided to read the first verse my eyes fell upon. I did so, and was able to say all that was necessary, for it was not the great preaching that brought the results, it was the deep soul agonizing prayers that touched the great and all powerful God, and He brought the people down under conviction so deep and pungent that they felt like they were going to die and drop into hell if they did not repent.

This revival was so far-reaching that some were converted in their homes that did not hear any preaching at all. The Spirit found them and led them through repentance, and helped them to lay their sins at the foot of the cross. People came for miles to the meeting, but they did not come to hear the "great preaching," they came to enquire after salvation. There was never a word of compliment given the preacher for his great sermons. Never heard of a word ever being spoken about the preacher or his sermons. They did not say to their friends, "You ought to go and hear the big preacher." But they did say, "You ought to go out to the meeting and see the workings of the Lord."

In this, there was no chance for the preacher to become exalted. No body praised him. In fact he did nothing that was worthy of praise or commendation. But his work was largely a hidden work. It was often done while others were sweetly resting on their pillows. While the people of the neighborhood were locked in the arms of rest and slumber he was somewhere agonizing before God for their souls. Nobody knew

it, and no body could tell it or talk about it. The two weeks meeting was a success, but no body seemed to know why.

I notice very frequently among ministers in these days that if their meeting does not seem to get along well, they are apt to place the blame on others. They think there is an "Achan in the camp," and they bring their whip and lash into play and try to locate the "Achan" so they can get him out of the way so the "wheels of Zion can roll on." I do not hesitate to say that this is unwise. While the gospel is often a whip and a lash and uncovers sin and exposes hypocrites, but the secret of success is not in the

I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." He did not try to shift the matter on to the shoulders of others and blame them if the backsliders were not reclaimed, but he took it on himself and said, "I travail in birth again" for you.

The secret of soul winning is not in the great preaching, but in the great praying. There are calls on every hand for preachers, but the need is not so much for great preachers as it is for great prayers. That is the great trouble with the religious world today, they have been depending on the great preaching, and spirituality has disappeared from among them. When they have "converts" at all, they are usually merely reformed, or have promised to mend their ways and be a Christian. Very few outside of the genuine holiness ranks, that are really "born again." Nothing said about the preacher travailing in birth until Christ is formed in them.

I know a man that was preaching at a certain place. The people would flock around him at the close

of the meeting and tell him how they enjoyed his sermon and how it blessed them. This continued for some time, and the more they commended him the worse he felt, until he became disgusted with himself. He went alone with God while his heart was breaking with grief. One might wonder at such an experience when the people were so well pleased with his preaching. But there were no souls convicted nor converted. The preaching was all right, but all the praises and complimentary remarks about his discourses did not satisfy him so long as no souls were getting to God. There was something wrong.

He told the Lord that he

joy and comfort to the preacher. He wanted to be a soul winner, and anything else, no matter how complimentary, did not satisfy him.

A man may preach well and win the respect and satisfaction of his congregation without prayer, but he will never be a soul winner without strong agonizing prayer. A prayerless preacher is a faithless preacher and cannot be a success. It is not enough to say over a form of words. At a certain meeting where the preaching was fine, and the people flocked to the altar in droves, and it was accounted generally a good meeting, at the close it was noticed that there were no tangible results. No body saved. No body sanctified nor filled with the Holy Ghost. A brother ventured a word of surprise that no body was saved when the meeting seemed so powerful. I quietly remarked that nobody had previously prayed through for the meeting and prevailed. That was enough. He knew the Scriptures well enough to agree with me at once.

Now brother, if you want to be a soul winner, you do not need to study so much about how to preach as you do about how to pray and prevail with God. Any humble person can have a revival if he only knows how to pray and prevail with God. Thomas Harrison who used to be known as the "boy preacher," went to visit a friend of his. This friend was the pastor of a nice church. Harrison was only a school boy. His friend said to him, "Harry, you must preach for me." This so shocked the boy that he hardly knew how to answer. He had never preached, and knew nothing about it. But all of his excuses and pleadings to be excused were in vain. His friend was persistent and "Harry must preach." He must preach Sunday afternoon and Sunday night because the announcement was made that Thomas Harrison would be there and preach.

This seemed too much for the boy. He said, "Well, let us go to your room and pray over it." They went to the room and prayed. The time came for the meeting,

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whip and lash, it is in the much prayer and faith in God on the part of the preacher that is conducting the meeting.

It will not do for him to lazy around and depend on others to pray and push the work through. He must feel the responsibility so strong himself that if it does not get along so well, he will blame himself instead of placing the same on others. I say this candidly and without fear of successful contradiction, after about twenty years of experience and the study of God's Word.

When Paul found the Galatians were backslidden, because of false teaching having gotten in among them, he did not lay the responsibility on some one else, but took it all upon himself and said, "My little children, of whom

interested, etc. This brought

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Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints—Greeting in
Jesus' Name:

I am still saved, sanctified
and baptized with the Holy
Ghost and healed. Glory to
God for such blessings, but
this is just like Jesus.

I have been reading brother
Tomlinson's piece on di-
vine healing and it just suits
me. Some of our friends
think it is all right to use a
little ointment on the outside
rather than scatter the dis-
ease. I think it would be the
glory of God to just let His
precious healing power drive
the demon out, just like He
would if he could get the
chance.

Well, some of the saints are
still talking in tongues, hand-
ling hot lamp chimneys and
wrything under the power.

Brother J. W. Pevy gave us
some wonderful sermons.

May God bless him where-
ver he goes.

Pray for me.

Your brother looking for
Jesus,

H. E. Hightower.

Southside, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Beloved Saints:

I am praising God for vic-
tory over sin. I am glad
that being dead unto sin we
don't have to live in sin any
more. I know that I have
passed from death unto life
because I love the brethren.
Oh the love that is bubbling
up in my soul for the dear
old Church of God and its
followers, I used to hate this
way and the people and es-
pecially brother and sister
Brouayer but oh, the great
love I have for them, now.

I can truly say the things
I once loved I now hate and
things I once hated I now
love. I have crossed the
river of Jordan and now in
Canaan land I'll praise
Him forever.

The Lord has been bless-
ing us most wonderfully in
our prayer meetings. He has
honored us by letting us take
up live coals of fire and ser-
pents.

We were up against a
mountain here and the devil
sure did rear and charge but
glory to God, we have the
victory over him. The Lord
sent brothers Brouayer, Bry-
ans, Aylor and wife here and
now we have a church with
about twenty-eight members.

Pray much for me that I
may be used of the Lord to
bring many souls to Him.

Your sister in Christ,
Nannie B. Hagwood.

A Request

I request every member
of the Church of God to pray
that I might be delivered out
of the hands of my enemies
and be free. I am not al-
lowed to attend cottage
meetings, visit the sisters,
pray aloud or go where God
wants me to go. Will all
unite with me in prayer, and
fasting if necessary, until I
am delivered.

I praise God for the com-
forter that abides.

Blanche, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
All the Saints:

I feel like sounding a note
of praise thru the paper for
His goodness to me. When
I think of the sacrifice that
was made for me, I realize I
can not do too much for Him
or praise Him too much.

There is no sacrifice too
great for me to make and go
down into the depths of hum-

ility that I may be the best
for my Lord and get the best
He has for me.

We have a nice church
here of about forty members.
The work is moving along
nicely and the saints are
drawing together. I just feel
like shouting right now as I
see the old church rising to
the old time power and glory.

Kentucky is a needy field
for Church of God preachers.
Calls are coming in, "Come
over and help us." Other
bodies are seeing the need of
the church.

Pray for the work in Ken-
tucky and if any body desir-
es to work come right ahead.

Yours in Jesus

P. F. Fritz.

CONVENTION REPORT

Cedar Grove, W. Va.

I am praising God for vic-
tory in my soul this morning
and for a full and free salva-
tion. Glory, hallelujah to the
Lamb for ever.

On Friday night before
the convention began on Sat-
urday, dear old brother Har-
rison received the Holy
Ghost. He is about 70 years
old and has been blind for
about seven years. He has
been a Christian about 50
years, also a minister. We
praise God for him.

We had a wonderful time
with the Lord in the conven-
tion. Shouts, dancing, talk-
ing in tongues, rebuking de-
mons, casting out devils and
healing the sick. These signs
follow them that believe.

Two received the Holy
Ghost, two added to the dear
old Church of God. Or-
dained one deacon and three
evangelists. Yesterday af-
ternoon we met at the water
and baptized thirteen in wa-
ter. We had a nice band to
make music for us. There
were several hundred peo-
ple to witness the scene. At
night we had the Lord's sup-
per and feet washing.

Closed with shouts, hand
shakes and good-bys.

The subjects were very
interesting. Need of pastors,
the unruly tongue, govern-
ment, the old praths and wa-
ter baptism.

Pray much for your little
brother and sister in West
Virginia,

W. M. Rumler,
and Wife.

Scanlon, La.

I praise God for the way
He keeps me every day.

I want to ask the saints to
pray for wife and me, that
we may receive the Holy
Ghost and that we may stand
true to Jesus.

Your brother,
J. L. Leonard.

Spring Creek, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
Greetings in Jesus' holy name.

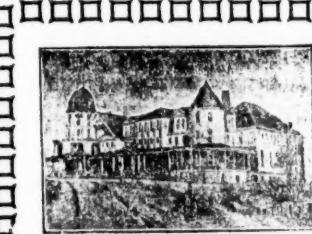
We are praising God be-
cause we are saved, sancti-
fied and filled with the blessed
Holy Ghost, and on our
way to heaven shouting glory.
Praise God!

Brother Winfield Thompson
son has just closed a twelve
days meeting here. The dear
Lord sure did bless, the power
fell and there was shouting,
dancing, and talking in
tongues. Two were saved,
sanctified and baptized with
the Holy Ghost. One was
old grandmother Strickland
about eighty-seven years old.
She was a member of the Baptist
Church about sixty-five
years but when she heard the
Word preached she realized
she needed salvation.

Two came into the church.
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THE CHURCH LITERAL OR INVISIBLE

Address before the Alabama State Convention by J. B. Ellis.

There are diversities of opinions on the church. Now what we are going to discuss is whether it is visible or invisible. There are three classes. The first class believes that we are born into the church and every child of God is a member of this church, that all the business affairs are transacted in heaven. The second class believe that we are born into the church, the church set in order, a pastoral roll, that the government of the church is placed in the hands of men to execute, and when some of the members walk disorderly they can return to the first class.

Another class of people believe there is a literal church, composed of tangible beings, who are born of the Spirit, added to the church by covenant, who keep the ordinances and commandments of God, obey His voice and love Him with their whole heart, mind and soul. If this is what the Church of God stand for, I am a member.

Some people believe that the family of God and the Church of God are the same, that a person belonging to one belongs to the other. They take Heb. 12:23 to prove this theory. They say their record is kept in heaven but I tell you there is a difference in keeping a family record and a church record. Every child born in a family constitutes one member of that family and his name is placed on the family record but every child of God does not have his name placed on the church record because they are added to, and not born into the church. They also take Luke 10:20 where Jesus tells them to "rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice because your names are written in heaven," to prove they are members of the invisible church.

Matt. 16:16-19. You see by this that Peter already belongs to the kingdom of God. This rock refers to Jesus and God had to reveal Him to Peter. If you are born into the church, then when Jesus told Peter "upon this rock I will build my church" was not so, for He meant that His church would be built in the future and was beginning at this time that He is talking to Peter.

If when you are born of God, you become a member of the church, then all those in the past, even before the flood until these words were spoken by Jesus, were cut

out, not so, "ye are lively stones and Jesus the chief corner stone; In whom all the building, fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord. Our bodies being the temple for the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit."

Now in the nineteenth verse we find where Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter. Let us see how the church operates the keys. Peter was a man and if the church is invisible, He placed the keys in reach of a tangible being. The government of the church is the key to the kingdom. Now if Peter is a literal being and has been given the keys or government, as is shown in 1 Cor. 12:28 and they are used in governing these literal affairs here on earth it must be a literal church. Then He goes on to tell Peter that "whatsoever is bound on earth shall be bound in heaven etc." God gives us to understand that He's going to establish something here on earth among men by the aid of tangible beings.

Some claim that they belong to the visible and invisible church and should they be turned out of the former they still belong to the latter, but Jesus plainly says "whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." If you are contemplating leaving the church, let me warn you, as one that loves you to be careful how you trifle with the Church of God.

Matt. 18:15-18; We see this is an affair between individuals. Now "if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more." What is this for? This is because there is to be a trial and some one must know something in order that the offender and the offended might receive justice at the trial. Where is it to be, at the church? Where is the church? If in heaven then all this is useless, for only God can settle these affairs.

In Isa. 9:6. We find that the government is to be placed on the shoulder of the Son, which is Jesus. Did Jesus come here in a spirit? No he came in a tangible body.

So in Eph. 5:23. We find that He is the head of the Church, then if the head is tangible the body must be tangible also. He was a literal man and knew how to

suffer and suffered hunger and thirst, sorrow and pain, from the cradle to the cross. I am talking about real suffering in the body. That is, of this literal body, now we can see that the church is a literal affair, and we ought to suffer like Paul and Jesus.

The government is to be upon the body and not the head, that is why Jesus said I will give you the key. Now if this church is invisible how would we settle difficulties spoken of in Matt. 18:15-17.

Eph. 2:19-22. We see here we are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. Now if we are born into invisible church, there would be no need of church government. But Jesus being the chief corner stone and as we are built on Him shows that this building is not completed instantly.

Eph. 4:11-13. Now where are these saints to be perfected? In heaven or on the earth? We find in Paul's letter to Church of God at Corinth, (1 Cor. 1:2.) That they were saints, and these different officers (spoken of in 1 Cor. 12:28.) were in the church in this city here in the world.

We say the church is to be without spot or wrinkle. When is this to be? At the time when Jesus comes to receive it. These different officers in the church are taking the Word and getting these spots and wrinkles out. In Eph. 5:26 we find the cleansing of the church is to be done by the Word, and we consider this affair to be accomplished right in this present world and it is to continue until these saints, or lively stony are properly set in order in the building, by the different officers using the government fastened with untempered mortar.

I Cor. 12:4, 7, 13, 25. We see how we are baptized in one body in Jesus. In the 18th verse we see that God set people in the church.

When you are set in the church you are made one body, for Jesus made it so.

Col. 2:12-19 shows how the Head which is Jesus and the body which is the church is banded or knit together, so we should be careful not to get separated from the Head, for we realize the fact that the literal head of ours is severed from our body we die. So if we sever our connection from the church, we loose connection with the head and soon go down, or

off into some delusion of the devil.

In the construction of Solomon's Temple, the material had to be prepared for building and the workman had to polish each piece before they began to build, so each piece fit in its place and while being erected there was not heard the sound of hammer, so after we have been gotten out of the quarry and polished then we can be set in the church and there will be no schism's to contend with.

The Methodist wanted to build the Church of God, but their hands were not clean, and they did not see the light on baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Methodist and Baptist quarreled out the material, but it takes the Solomons to put it together, and when it is finished and the gifts added, then will Zion be established on top of the mountain and all nations will flow into her.

Gore, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greeting in Jesus Dear Name:

I want to tell the Evangel family what the Lord is doing for His little children in our neighborhood.

A few of us met at brother Parker's home Saturday night and we all decided we would be obedient children and let our Father run His business and He just filled us with His love and we sang, prayed and shouted until near midnight.

Sunday morning we felt led to do the same thing. The service began just about as soon as the day did and the old preacher got so happy he could not preach, so we just turned it over to our Father again and the first command was "love one another." We did that and the next thing tears of joy began to flow and shouts of glory and praise could be heard and leaping, dancing and talking in tongues were also going on. All this continued for four or five hours. Well, bless the Lord! I will let you guess the balance.

Yours truly,
Uncle Bud.

Notice.

We write to notify the Churches of God in Virginia that Arthur Fortner is no longer a member or Evangelist in the Church of God. His credentials were called for and received.

He was withdrawn fellowship from by the church for disorderly conduct.

H. L. Trim,
State Overseer.

Wauchula, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
Greetings in Jesus' name.

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I am saved from sin and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and He still abides. I am praising God for His wonderful love.

Brother M. S. Haynes and brother E. Haynes and wife have just closed a two week's meeting here. There was good attendance and several seekers at the altar. Some saved, one sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, saints were strengthened. I believe the church is in better condition than it has been for three years.

Dear saints, pray for us here. Wauchula is a hard place. May God bless the saints everywhere.

I want to ask a special prayer that I may be healed. I have something on my mouth and some say it is a cancer. I know God can heal and He will heal. I am trusting God for my soul and body. Please pray for my healing.
Your brother under the blood,
W. A. Baxter.

Walden, Ky.

Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I know my Redeemer liveth. Can't praise Him enough for all He has done for me. He has healed me several times and I don't doubt His power.

I have been reading the Evangel for some time and it is food to my soul. I love to hear from all of God's children. I will be glad when all will meet on the happy golden shore where parting is no more.

I want the prayers of all saints that I may do more for my blessed Lord in the future than in the past.
Your sister in Christ,
Nancy Yearly.

Fyffe, Ala.

Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

We are still fighting for the dear old Church of God. The dear old church is not as dead as some folks thought. Two have been added to the church this month. We are looking for victory ahead.

The devil comes in every way but the Lord promises a way for us to escape.

Pray for the church here. We have preaching the second Sunday in each month.

Your brother under the blood,
J. D. Allen.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Report of the Convention
Arley, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

I have just returned from the State Convention at Dora, Ala. It is now in the past but the memory lingers with us and will for many days to come. The kindness and hospitality of the saints will never be forgotten. The unity and fellowship of the saints seemed greater, if possible, than ever.

On Friday the 12th services opened with songs, prayers, and a welcome address by D. R. Holcomb and I am sure all felt that he meant just what he said. At eleven o'clock brother J. B. Ellis preached on "The Church" and it certainly was a feast. That humble servant of God made it plain that all doubts were taken away.

At two o'clock in the afternoon brother Ryder preached on "Obedience to God" followed by a sermon on "A deeper life" by brother Walker of Rome, Ga. At night brother G. B. Sprinkler preached from a chart on which was pictured the sinful heart, the sanctified heart, the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the fruits of each. It was very impressive.

Saturday opened with songs, prayers and short addresses on the duties and work of pastors by brothers Gentry, Gann, Ellis, Robinson, Walker, Ryder, Holcomb and Allen. It was edifying and did much good and I am sure God was pleased. I will say right here that new vows were made to do more if possible for God. Some like Peter of old had been fishing.

At two in the afternoon, brother Walker preached on "Government" which was certainly fine. Obey those that have the rule over you. He referred to the church of course, but some of us women folks had to use the rake just here, especially those of us who have sinning husbands. The remaining part of the afternoon was spent by brother Gentry regarding the deeper life.

The evangelistic services at night began with some old time songs, as brother Gentry remarked, our mothers used to sing, such as "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," and "Old Ship of Zion" and others. It seemed indeed good to be there. Brother Walker preached on the palm tree and cedar of Lebanon experience in Psalms. It was grand. Altar service followed, then the band played. This seemed the most wonderful night of all to me. The old time

songs were sung, the old time gospel preached, the old time power fell and such shouting and dancing I have never seen.

As the band played "Oh, What Love," sinners wept and saints shouted. Some got through to God, while every body seemed in love with every body else.

The meeting continued a week longer. Baptizing at Philip's Ferry Sunday May 21st.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting loved ones once more that are traveling with brother Gentry. They are sure doing some clean work for God. The signs are following as the copperhead snake was handled by five of his little band. Two were bitten and healed that His power might be manifested. Praise His name!

Love to all the precious saints.

I am one of the least in His service,
R. I. Ida McCoy.

Atlanta, Ga.
Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:
Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I praise God for the sweet peace that abides in my soul. I praise Him because I am sanctified and have the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I am a member of the dear Church of God at Rome, Ga. where I received the Holy Ghost. I believe in all the teachings of the Church of God. We have to live a clean life if we stay in the Church of God, and some people don't measure up to the Word of God and they don't want to give up their filthy habits and secret sins so they say they don't believe in the church. Bless

God, when the blood was applied to my soul, it cleansed me from all that was unclean. I have no desire for worldly things. The greatest pleasure of my life is when I am doing something for my blessed Savior.

Dear brother and sister Elrod have been with us and the Lord has blessed brother Elrod in giving out the Word. A number received the Holy Ghost, several were sanctified and added to the church.

Please pray for my husband that he may be convicted of sin and also my little son.

Your sister under the blood,
Carrie Sanson.

Coffeeville, Miss.
To the Church of God Evangel:

We are glad to testify that

God is still leading us forward in His Church. We are taking new ground in this hidden way, and haven't any idea of growing faint hearted.

This ground is strongly contested, and Satan fights God's church harder than anything we've ever seen. This makes us expect to see the power of God more manifest.

We can see that His work is advancing some at this place.

While there is not much to see yet, we believe we feel a great deal that is taking place in Spirit. God works and none can hinder. Oft times He doesn't work as rapidly as we expected, and often, to try our faith, He seems to take all from us, but if we continue to be faithful over a few things, and that which is least, He will return to us, and He gives us a Scripture that blesses our souls. Isa. 54:7-8. "For a small moment have I forsaken thee: but with great mercy will I gather thee: In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment: but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, Saith the Lord thy redeemer." He is very near to our hearts, and we are waiting in submission and humility at His feet.

Our lives and all earthly possessions are in this, His work.

We have secured a place for a tabernacle here, and expected to have one ready for a summer meeting. We are determined that our lives shall measure up to the Bible standard. With fear and trembling we undertake to work out this great salvation.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

May God bless and have mercy on us all, for Jesus' sake.

Pray for us,
A. B. and Pearl Adams.

To All the Saints

Of the Church of God in Tennessee:

I want to endorse our general overseer's suggestion in the Evangel. I want to ask all the Churches in Tennessee to be sure and remember June 4th, and ask God to help in the matter.

Dear ones, get this on your hearts and be liberal. Let us make a sacrifice for this as it is needful. We, the Church of God in Tennessee, will want to do our part, so please do not forget the date—June 4th. Let every church do your best and we can expect a good donation from the

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

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and the boy went into the pulpit, took his text and preached, with much joy and victory. Before the night service they went to prayer and remained until they received the assurance of faith.

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This is the secret of success in soul winning. Pray till your heart breaks over a lost world. Then continue to pray till you have reached the victory or assurance of faith. Then give God a chance and the revival is sure whether there is any preaching or not. We do not despise preaching. Indeed it is

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